

of 1952, when Egypt's King Farouk was forced to abdicate by General Abdul Nasser's military coup, Mr. Adams was responsible for helping the King safely flee into exile. After 10 years in the Reserves, Mr. Adams retired from military service as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Adams then held several positions under Governor Ronald Reagan, including Cabinet Secretary, where he facilitated the day-to-day interface of the Governor's office with the various departments of state government. In 1970, Mr. Adams was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board where he was designated as the Board's Chairman from 1972 until 1976. His nine year tenure was marked by the merging of the State Water Rights Board and the State Water Quality Control Board. It was also a period when the State Board and its subsidiary Regional Water Quality Control Boards accepted delegation of expansive new duties under the 1972 federal Clean Water Act.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Winfred Adams' dedication to public service for nearly four decades makes him an outstanding example of his generation and its abiding commitment to our Nation. It is appropriate that we honor his life and his contributions today.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM BLOCK SR.

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Summer 2005 brings the passing of an American leader, William Block Sr. A publisher, owner of television stations and an advertising distributor, patron of the arts, philanthropist and community leader, William Block's imprimatur indeed lives large.

Born in New York City on September 20, 1915, a Yale graduate, Class of 1936, and army veteran, William Block Sr. settled in Pittsburgh after World War II to run the family's newspaper there. His brother managed the family's Toledo newspaper. Though he was in charge of the Pittsburgh paper, in fact William Block got his start in Toledo, in 1937 at the family's Toledo Blade newspaper. He learned the business through "apprenticeship" by working in a variety of departments, but the war interrupted his pursuit of reporting.

While in Pittsburgh, William Block was an active and engaged publisher, involved in many community groups. A 1983 survey by the Pittsburgh Press listed him as the 14th most influential citizen of Pittsburgh. He received honorary doctoral degrees from Allegheny College, Point Park College, and Washington & Jefferson College. Recognized by the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the Health and Welfare Association of Allegheny County, in 1996 William Block was awarded the Ralph D. Casey/Minnesota Award of the Inland Press Association honoring his sixty years in the newspaper business.

William Block promoted and supported fine arts and the symphony. His involvement was deep and commitment pure. He enjoyed music and fine art and was passionate about sharing his enjoyment with the community at large. Kind, civic-minded and concerned with civil rights, noting that "equality of all people is basic to American ideals," William Block cred-

ited his father for instilling a sympathy for people who were disadvantaged and an interest in addressing injustice.

William Block Sr. leaves to this life his loving wife of 61 years, Maxine; his sons William, Jr. and Donald; daughters Karen and Barbara; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren; as well as many extended family and friends. Our sympathy to them all.

An exceptional man of warmth, wit, and insight I was privileged to meet, the life of William Block is best summed up in the words of his son, William Jr., in the preface to his father's memoirs: "The William Block portrayed here is a man who loves his family, a man of broad understanding and diverse interests, chairman of a growing and successful communications corporation, a man dedicated for over half a century to the highest ideals of journalism, a civic-minded and charitable person, and a thoroughly decent human being." Our entire citizenry remains grateful and knows we have been fortunate indeed that his values and talents were applied to build our community, and humanity, forward.

HONORING THE TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Town of Bethel, Connecticut on marking its 150th Anniversary, on July 16, 2005.

The town of Bethel grew out of an active, well-organized parish in the eastern section of Danbury, Connecticut, officially incorporating into a township in 1855. The word Bethel, which means "House of God", got its name from the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut when the parish of Bethel was organized in 1759. The name remained when the parish became a township 150 years ago.

The history of Bethel is almost synonymous with the great showman P.T. Barnum—and, there's no denying that Barnum's presence can still be felt. Although it no longer stands, the Barnum bronze fountain, purchased by P. T. himself in Berlin, Germany for \$7,500 stood in the town center surrounded by hat factories. But the fountain froze often, leading to its own demise. It was finally taken down in 1923. The Doughboy statue replaced the fountain in 1928.

At one time Bethel was mainly a farming community, but beginning in the late 1700s, industrious entrepreneurs and hardworking citizens helped establish a very solid industrial base. Although the town's economy has transformed with time, the hardworking example of those generations is strong today in different businesses.

Despite being overshadowed by the hatting industry in Danbury—from which it tried to break away from in 1759 and was officially incorporated in 1855—Bethel's economy once thrived on hatting. There were more than a dozen hat factories including the largest, the Edwin Short Hat Factory. The Opera House at 184–188 Greenwood Ave., now known as the Opera House cafe and restaurant, once housed a first-floor hat factory in the late

1800s. Hatting remained the town's main enterprise until the late 1960s.

Today the Bethel Educational Park located between Judd Avenue and Plumtrees Road neatly packs in all the town's schools and playing fields. But throughout the town's history, tiny one-room schoolhouses and brick school buildings popped up here and there throughout town. Center School, an elementary school just off Greenwood Avenue in the center of town, opened in 1895 and is now used as town offices. Its twin structure, the Grassy Plain School on Grassy Plain Street is now used as a childcare center. The Plumtrees Schoolhouse, a little red one-room building, still stands on Plumtrees Road at Taylor Road. It was built in 1867 and attended by children in grades one through seven. In the late 1960s, it was no longer used as a school and today is a well-baby clinic.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the generations of hardworking people who have lived and worked in Bethel throughout its history. I rise today to honor Bethel, Connecticut, upon achieving its 150th Anniversary. I applaud the generations of Bethel citizens who have helped this town grow since its founding in 1759, and I commend today's Bethel residents for everything they do to make sure that this great town will continue strongly into the future.

HONORING JERRY REESE FOR 36 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE FOREST SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished career of Jerry Reese, who recently retired after 36 years of service in Idaho's national forests.

Mr. Reese is a native son of Idaho, having grown up in Idaho Falls before receiving degrees in forestry and range management from the University of Idaho. For the past 11 years, Mr. Reese served as supervisor of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, which swelled during his tenure to include over three million acres across Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah.

I am pleased that Mr. Reese made it his mission to ensure that his staff remained efficient, courteous, and dedicated while the size and responsibilities of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest grew larger. Under Mr. Reese's supervision, administrative realignments reduced duplication that would have naturally occurred when the Caribou and Targhee National Forests merged. His administrative shuffling allowed the real business of managing the forests to go forth.

Throughout his career, Mr. Reese tempered contentious debate surrounding proposed road closures in and around grizzly habitats. He soothed public frustrations about the relocation of Caribou-Targhee's headquarters from St. Anthony to Idaho Falls. All-terrain vehicles grew in popularity on Mr. Reese's watch, and he learned how to balance public access with conservation. Through the easy decisions and the difficult ones, Mr. Reese kept in mind the long-term interests of the forests he oversaw and the people who use them.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Reese for his leadership in managing Idaho's forests. To Mr. Reese, I wish you the best in whatever you choose to do in retirement, whether it is volunteer service, fly fishing or just spending time with your family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2005 I voted incorrectly on rollcall vote No. 377. I meant to vote "aye" on the Flake/Blumenauer amendment that would require a thorough evaluation of the commodity traffic along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers before allowing the Corps of Engineers to proceed with construction of new locks and dams.

Mr. Speaker before we proceed with such massive new construction along these two rivers, costing billions of dollars and potentially damaging the natural environment along these rivers, the Corps of Engineers must show that this project is actually warranted. So far they have failed to do so.

THANKING MICHAEL B. BOWMAN
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement in June 2005, we rise to thank Mr. Michael B. Bowman for 30 years of distinguished service to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bowman began serving the House of Representatives in 1975 as a trainer for the Member Information Network on the mainframe computer at House Information Systems before he became the project leader for the first help desk "hotline" in 1977. During his career at the House, Mr. Bowman served as the Postmaster for the first House electronic mail system from 1980 to 1983, and following the Anthrax event in Congress in 2001, he was appointed to the Digital Mail team that developed the statement of work for conversion of postal mail to digital images.

As the Y2K project leader, Mike was responsible for preparing the House computer workstations for our transition into the year 2000. He successfully met the challenges for ensuring each of the 12,000 desktop and laptop computers in the Member, Committee, Leadership and House support offices in Washington, DC and over 950 District offices across our country were prepared to cross the bridge into the 21st century.

Serving as the Customer Relations Manager, Mike is responsible for ensuring all Members and House staff are satisfied with the information technology solutions and support services they receive from House support staff and vendors.

Mike's contributions while serving the House of Representatives have been significant. His passionate customer service, organizational

knowledge and project management skills earned him the reputation among his colleagues and customers as a person with a calm demeanor and great respect for this institution.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend our appreciation to Mike for his many years of dedication and outstanding service to the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING DR. KRISHNA REDDY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Krishna M. Reddy and the 9th annual Gala Banquet, hosted by the Indian American Friendship Council happening on Tuesday, July 19th. I can think of no more auspicious day than the same day as Prime Minister Manmohan Singh visits the U.S. Congress.

Since I was co-chair of the House India Caucus, I have worked quite closely with Dr. Reddy and IAFC. The Indian American Friendship Council boasts a strong reputation for its eminent role in informing U.S. policy makers about several aspects of surrounding U.S.-Indian relations. It is accordingly a privilege to join them in this celebration.

From dining in Little India on 74th Street in Queens, New York, to my ties to the Friendship Council, I have made it a point to pursue an agenda in my tenure as Congressman that markedly addresses issues relating to Indian Americans and the Indian subcontinent. My district, consisting of Queens and the Bronx in the state of New York, boasts 55,000 people of South Asian descent, the second most of any community in the nation. The links I have to this community have served to enhance my resolve to improve relations between the U.S. and India.

As founder and current president of the Friendship Council, Dr. Krishna Reddy has been instrumental in promoting a strong agenda the Friendship Council. The Council helped rebuild the state of Gujarat following a disastrous earthquake in 2001, supported the global war on terror, and continues to assist the U.S. in the post-9/11 world. I commend the Friendship Council for their resolve in not only strengthening bilateral relations but also protecting the interests of the Indian-American community, advocating for global democracy, and educating fellow Members of Congress.

President Bush stated recently that relations between our two nations have never been so close as they are today. Organizations such as the Indian American Friendship Council have greatly contributed to this status. From the groundbreaking Next Steps in Strategic Partnership to the recent India-U.S. Defense Agreement to the opening of Indian economy to U.S. investments, our two nations share many common interests in today's global arena and have proven to be valuable allies to each other. I hope that we all can, continue to work together to further improve affairs of both India and the Indian-American community.

I would like to conclude by again congratulate Dr. Reddy and the members of the Friendship Council for organizing the 9th An-

nual Gala Banquet. I look forward to our continued cooperation.

HONORING PAUL MARTIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NOMINATION FOR ESPN'S 2005 ESPY AWARD

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Paul Martin, a world-class athlete whose story is one of admirable perseverance and inspiring optimism. This year, Paul was honored with a nomination for ESPN's 2005 ESPY award for best male athlete with a disability.

Athletics has always been important to Paul. During his difficult childhood and his time spent in foster care, Paul sought refuge in sports, enjoying the attention that he was unable to find elsewhere. But it was not until many years later that Paul came to realize the vital role that athletics would play in his life.

On December 12, 1992, at the age of 25, Paul Martin survived a car accident in which he lost the lower portion of his left leg. What, to some, might have been an insurmountable challenge, Paul credits with changing his life, as he says, "for the better." Following the accident, Paul considered himself lucky to be alive and made the choice to pursue his happiness even in the face of adversity.

Within two years, he began competing again, winning the gold in the 1500 event in the National Amputee Track and Field Championships. Buoyed by his success, Paul continued to participate in a wide variety of athletic competitions, amassing an extensive list of athletic accomplishments, including the 1997 U.S. Olympic Committee's Disabled Athlete of the Year award and a new national record at the 2004 Ironman USA competition at Lake Placid. Over the years, Paul has participated in national and international hockey, skiing, cycling, and track and field events.

Most recently Paul Martin set a new world record at the 2005 Ironman USA at Coeur D'Alene and also brought home silver and bronze medals from the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens. These accomplishments, as well as his many prior years of athletic competition, have earned him a nomination for this year's ESPY awards.

Currently, Paul is continuing his athletic training for a number of events in the upcoming year. When he is not competing, Paul speaks to a variety of audiences, sharing his optimistic outlook with others.

Paul's impressive record is a tribute to his status as a truly outstanding athlete, but it is also a tribute to his dedication, athleticism, and love of life. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Paul Martin.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCOTTIE L. BRIGHT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Staff Sergeant Scottie L. Bright, 36, originally